



THE INTERNET

- A "network of networks" that are tied together so that users of any network can use the network services provided by TCP/IP to reach users of any other network.
- Provides electronic mail, remote login and file transfer services.
- Currently connects over 100 countries around the world and links over 2 million computers.
- There is no single entity that is in charge of the Internet.





THE INTERNET (cont'd)

Provides access to a variety of scientific facilities including: digital libraries, unique databases, supercomputers, and remote scientific sensing instruments.

Promotes researcher interaction and collaboration with a single, well-integrated connection to end users using TCP/IP.





History of the Internet

- Began in the early 1970's by the Pentagon as a way for military researchers to communicate across the ARPANET, the forerunner of the Internet
- In 1982, specifications were developed for TCP/IP, an "Internet Protocol" or language that became the basis for the Internet.
- Because the specifications were public, commercial vendors could develop networking products that conformed to the spec.
- The Internet Activities Board (IAB) was created in 1983 to guide the evolution of the TCP/IP Protocol Suite and to provide research advice to the Internet community.
- In 1983 the name server was developed at U of Wisconsin, allowing the use of names instead of addresses for internet connections.
- Also in 1983, Berkeley released 4.2BSD of the Unix operating system, incorporating TCP/IP
- In the 1986, the National Science Foundation established a national backbone service to provide access to regional networks. It was upgraded in 1989 to 1.54 Mbps, and in 1991 to 45 Mbps
- In 1992, the World Wide Web was released by CERN in Switzerland.





History of the Internet (Cont'd)

- After its release, the World Wide Web experienced explosive growth and other forms of Internet access, such as gopher, began to fade.
- February, 1996. Communications Decency Act enacted into law, heavily regulating the internet. A federal judge blocked enforcement of the act.
- February 15th, 1996. President Clinton announces his "Technology Literacy Challenge", stating that "by the year 2000 every classroom and every library in the entire United States is hooked up to the Information Superhighway"





Growth of the Internet

- 1981 213 users
- 📘 1989 80,000 users
- 1990 313,000 users
- **1992 727,000 users**
- 1993 1,313,000 (estimated)
- 1994 2,217,000 (estimated)
- 1995 6.6 million users
- 2000 180 million users (estimated)





INTERNET ADDRESSES

- Made up of various parts similar to a U.S.
 Postal address.
- Have two forms, one which is numeric (this is known as the IP address) and another which is mnemonic.
 - 128.183.15.054 is the MU-SPIN file server's IP address
 - muspin.gsfc.nasa.gov is the mnemonic address





INTERNET RESOURCES

- Discussion Lists
- **■** On-line databases
- Public Domain Software
- Usenet





DISCUSSION LISTS

How to find:

• To: listserv@dartcms1.dartmouth.edu

Subject: [BLANK]

Text: send listtext package

To Subscribe to a Discussion send e-mail

To: <discussion group e-mail address>

Subject: [BLANK]

Text: SUBSCRIBE <group-name> <your real name>

To Cancel your Subscription

• Text: UNSUBSCRIBE <group-name> <your real name>





PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE

University of Michigan software archives: public domain Mac, IBM PC, Apple II, NeXt software.

ftp archive.umich.edu

For archive info, send e-mail to: archive-request@archive.umich.edu

Macintosh public domain archive at Stanford University.

ftp sumex-aim.stanford.edu
cd info-mac

For help, send e-mail to info-mac-request@sumex.aim.stanford.edu





ON-LINE DATABASES

National Science Foundation Information Service

telnet stis.nsf.gov
login as public
terminal type of vt100nkp

NETFIND

telnet bruno.cs.colorado.edu
login as netfind

■ Geographic Name Server

telnet martini.eecs.umich.edu 3000





USENET NEWS

- Usenet news is a world-wide distributed discussion system.
- It consists of a set of newsgroups with names that are classified by subject.
- Its available on a variety of computer systems and networks, but the bulk of traffic is transported over either the Internet or UUCP.



THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN USING USENET



- Don't forget the person on the other side is human.
- Can't blame system administrators for users' behavior.
- Be careful what you say about others.
- Always be brief.
 - Your postings reflect upon you, be proud of them.
 - Use descriptive information in your subject line.
- Think about your audience!
- Limit your line length and don't use control characters.





ELECTRONIC MAIL

- Also known as e-mail
- Used to:
 - send and receive messages
 - participate in discussions
 - request and receive information
- The best way to find someone's e-mail address is to ASK THE PERSON!!!





FORM OF ELECTRONIC MAIL

- An e-mail address has the form user@destination.
- An example address is user@localnode.gsfc.nasa.gov
 - user users login id
 - @ separates the username from the node address
 - localnode the name of the computer
 - gsfc the organization unit (Goddard Space Flight Center)
 - nasa the organization (National
 - Aeronautics Space Administration)
 - gov Internet domain (gov for government agency)





FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Also known as FTP.

The Internet standard protocol for transferring files.

Used for transferring files over the network.





ANONYMOUS FTP SITES

- Very popular.
- Set up to to provide files for public access and retrieval.
 - Free software
 - Electronic books
 - Documentation
 - Maps
 - Graphics
 - High-tech images
 - Sound





TELNET

Allows you to access public resources on a computer at another site.

Uses resources on a larger computer.

Connects to bulletin boards, campus-wide information systems, libraries, supercomputers, databases, and other resources worldwide.





GOPHER

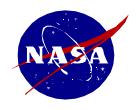
Distributed document search and retrieval.

Browsing a hierarchical collection of menus.

Recipes, campus-wide information, sound, pictures, weather, etc.

It lets you browse through the Internet's resources without having to remember names, addresses, commands, etc.





Web Browsers

- Networked information discovery, retrieval, and collaboration using GUI (graphical interface with point and click using a mouse)
- Provides a hypertext interface to the global Internet.
- Client communications with HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) servers. It also communicates with FTP, Gopher, WAIS, NNTP (Usenet News).
- Documents viewed are written in HyperText Markup Language (HTML).
- Features unlimited multimedia capabilities (Graphics, sound, movies, etc).



BROWSER CAPABILITIES



Some of the features include:

- · display of plain text, rich text, and hypermedia,
- inline graphics,
- a customizable graphical user interface,
- global history of information space navigation -tracking where you've been.
- quick access to important or frequently used documents via a personal "hotlist",
- · search capabilities within a document,
- text and voice annotation for documents anywhere on the Internet,
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- full TCP/ICP-based communications support,
- easily extendible to arbitrary viewers or other data formats.